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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015

RE: SCR 94 / SR 48

PERSON TESTIFYING: JOAN LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair Ron Kouchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i State Teachers' Association (HSTA) **supports SCR 94 / SR 48** requesting the Committee on Weights and the Board of Education to consider the unique needs of the remote schools when reevaluating the Weighted Student Formula.

HSTA believes that one of the pervasive problems with the Weighted Student Formula is limitations that have arisen in our remotely located schools due to the weighting formulas used. Our remote schools often address issues that may not be easily understood by those of us outside the communities these schools serve. Our remote schools need to be supported so that they can provide their students with every opportunity for success.

HSTA supports all endeavors that will help support our teachers, our schools and the students they serve.

HSTA **supports SCR 94 / SR 48.**